



*I Shall Wear
A Crown*

MOTHER
Helen
J. MACKLIN

NOVEMBER 17, 1930 - FEBRUARY 1, 2017

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017
VIEWING: 9AM | CELEBRATION: 11AM

GLAD TIDINGS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
970 Glad Tidings Way • Hayward, California
BISHOP JERRY WAYNE MACKLIN
Host Pastor







"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." - PSALMS 91:1

HER LIFE, HER LEGACY...
A TESTIMONY OF GOD'S
DIVINE FAVOR

REMEMBERING THE LIFE
OF

Mother
HELEN J. MACKLIN

*N*ovember 17, 1930, was a day greater than most days in Henderson, Texas, where it seemed as though the sun shined brighter than ever. The cry of a newborn baby, although softly uttered, was loud enough for everyone to know that an unusual baby girl was born. Her parents, Mack and Louvenia Clayton, proudly presented, Helen Joe, who would become the fifth of their eight children.

Helen graduated with high honors from Goldsberry High School and moved to Forth Worth, Texas where she became a licensed cosmetologist, along with Ruby Lee Harris, her soon to be sister-in-law. She developed into a young woman of class and elegance, which captured the attention of a tall, dark and handsome fellow from Marshall, Texas, named Albert Chester Macklin, III and his daughter, Debra Ann. He would later propose to Helen, the love of his life. With only 35-cents and borrowed suit, they were married on April 1, 1949.

In 1952, the family relocated to San Mateo, California. There they joined her siblings and later would be joined by her parents in search of a brighter future, and brighter it became. Unknowingly, Helen would soon encounter an "Azusa Street" experience on a street called Claremont.



Through an opened window, in the Macklin's home on Claremont Street, Helen heard the sound of a Holy Ghost revival coming from the church down the street. That church was the great Macedonia Church of God in Christ, which was pastored by her uncle, the late Pastor B.B. Alexander. The story was told that she ran down the street and burst through the doors of the church, and was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost all in one night. After church, she was escorted home; still speaking in tongues and praising God. Her husband was clearly unaware of a true Holy Ghost experience. So, he officially declared, "Helen had lost-her-mind." His comment did not stop her. They placed her in her bed; she lifted her head and said, "He's all in the dark!"

Helen believed what she read in the Holy Scripture that a sanctified wife sanctifies her husband, so she lived a Holy life before him. Helen activated her faith and prayerfully honored her unbelieving husband. Knowing full well that he was going out on the town; she would iron his shirts, press his one-suit and polish his shoes without complaints. But patiently she continued to pray and secretly anoint his clothes and shoes. This became a ritual of sorts, but a Faithful God heard her prayers. And then it happened! The Lord saved Brother Macklin and filled him with the Holy Ghost; HE WAS NO LONGER IN THE DARK! And the family continued to grow. In addition to Debra and Jerry, then came Anthony, Renetha, Dwyann, Theressa and Melissa. In 1967, the faithful Sunday School Superintendent, Elder Albert Macklin, III was called to pastor, and Sister Helen Macklin became the First Lady of Sweet Home Church of God in Christ. In celebrating this great elevation, two more children would be added to the family, Albert Chester IV and her baby boy, André.

As a licensed missionary she served faithfully for over 35 years. She served as the President of the Women's Department and founded the Rescue Mission (a ministry designed specifically for young women and families). In addition, she served as a Sunday School and Bible Band teacher. She was known for her inspiring revivals and powerful prayer services where many were saved, delivered, and set free.

Missionary Macklin had a love for the women's work within the church. She taught the women to love God and to make their family number one priority; also, she taught them to cunningly work with their hands. In her Sunday 6 o'clock evening meetings, she would gently correct the lost and then LOVE them back to health by exemplifying LOVE to lead them to Christ. At New Sweet Home Church, she was known for her life changing: Annual Women's Weekends, Women's Retreats, her hands-on coaching and mentoring sessions, and for her in-home fellowships. Mother Macklin will always be recognized and honored as "The Mother" of New Sweet Home Church, where today her son, Pastor Albert C. Macklin, IV serves as pastor.

Mother Macklin continued the work of the Lord beyond the four walls of her church as she supported surrounding communities and a multitude of other churches. She also served as Assistant District Missionary of the Peninsula District, California Northwest Jurisdiction, serving with the late Mother Mary Bains. She served along side her



husband, Dad Macklin, as he served as District Superintendent in the Sweet Unity District and as he served as 1st Administrative Assistant in the NorCal Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, where her eldest son, Bishop J.W. Macklin serves as Prelate.

Mother Macklin changed the course of many lives through her life's examples and her talents as a chef and baker. Also, Mother Macklin epitomized the role of a First Lady with her fashion forwardness and exquisite hat collection. Mother Macklin, the anointed gospel singer and evangelist, surely changed the courses of many lives.

The joy of her life was being a mother to her children, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren. She taught them to believe in God and to serve God and His people in the beauty of Holiness and in the spirit of excellence. Mother and Dad Macklin raised their children in the fear of the Lord; today their children are leaders in business and ministry throughout the country and abroad. They serve as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, gifted artists, talented musicians and leaders in ministry. They also serve as business owners and executives in corporate America.

Surrounded by her children, Mother Helen Macklin transitioned peacefully on Wednesday evening, February 1st at Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, California. She was preceded in death by her husband; Superintendent Albert C. Macklin, III; her parents, Mack and Louvenia Clayton; her siblings: Betty Joyce, Nathaniel, Charles and M.T.; and her daughter, the renowned worshipper, Elder Renetha.

Carrying on her memory and legacy are her children: eldest son, Bishop Jerry W. Macklin (Lady Vanessa), Debra Ann Macklin-Gibson, Anthony Macklin, Evangelist Dwyann Macklin, Lady Theressa Macklin Johnson (Pastor Dennis); District Missionary Melissa Macklin-Billingsley (Elder Michael); Pastor Albert Macklin, IV (Lady Evelyn), and André Macklin; her royal sisters, Mother Jemmie Swindell; Mother Princella Larry (Elder Leroy); Mother Melrose Phillips (Eddie); Kenny Ray Clayton (Maureen). She also leaves her grandchildren; John, Diron, Derrick, Mataya, Jerwayne, Mallori, Jessica, Aaron, Shanitha, Alletha, LaDonia, Sharrell, Chelsey, Imani, Sam, Justin, Stedman, Mi'Kael, Alec, Alissa, Addicus, Aden, Dennis Jr., Darius; her great-grandchildren: XXRhon, Janarious, Derion, Langston, Garrett, Madeline, Megan, Sydney, Addison, Kya, Noel, Zya, Natalie, Jason, Riley, Skylar, Saniya and Amaiya, as well as many nieces, and nephews. Her God-children, Alicia Barkus-Hutton, Martha Stamper and Bishop Ronnie Brown. Her extended caretakers: Aunt Dorothy Moore, Missionary Dorothy Galloway, Elder Cornelius and Missionary Phyllis Davis and Lady Yolanda Randolph. She also leaves the New Sweet Home Church family, the Glad Tidings Church Family, affectionately known as "her grandchildren", her most recent church family, the Eltekon Ministries Church, along with countless sons and daughters in the Gospel.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017 • 11:00AM

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Administrative Assistant Bruce McAlister
MASTER OF CEREMONY

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

*Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?
who hath not lifted up his soul and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

- PSALMS 24:1-3

PROCESSIONAL

Pastors, Superintendents, Bishops and the Macklin Family

FINAL VIEWING (UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN)

I SHALL WEAR A CROWN.....The Helen J. Macklin Memorial Choir

SEALING OF THE BIER

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE

INVOCATION.....Bishop Albert Galbraith

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament.....Bishop Eddie Hill

New Testament.....Bishop Nathaniel Bullock

JUST AS SOON AS I GET THERE

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND EXTENDED FAMILY REMEMBERS.....Mother Dorothy Alexander
Bishop Ronnie Brown
Lady Dorothy Herron • Sister Dorothy Moore

NEW SWEET HOME CHURCH REMEMBERS.....Mother Juanita Wilson (Church Mother)
Alicia Barkus-Hutton (God Daughter)
Mother Alice Evans • Deacon NJ Johnson

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run,
that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all
things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

- I CORINTHIANS 9:24-25

E FOR *Mother* HELEN J. MACKLIN

MASTER OF CEREMONY.....Superintendent Larry Myles

FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE

THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO REMEMBERS.....Mr. Danny Bains • Business Partner
Mr. Charles Jones • Business Owner
Be It Resolved • Mayor Larry Moody

I NEVER LOST MY PRAISE

NOR CAL METROPOLITAN JURISDICTION.....Missionary Dorothy Galloway (Women's Department)
Superintendent J. Nobles (Pastors & Superintendents)
Be It Resolved • Superintendent J. Simpkins • Administrative Assistant

NATIONAL CHURCH TRIBUTES.....Mother Lee E. Van Zandt • International Bible Band
Mother Emma Persons • Department of Women Representative
Bishop A. Ladell Thomas • Bishop Sedgwick Daniels, General Board Member
Be It Resolved • Bishop J. H. Lyles • General Secretary

FAMILY TRIBUTES.....“FAMILY BEHOLD THY MOTHER”
THE MACKLIN CHILDREN

CARDS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Missionary Gerri Rogers

OBITUARY.....(A LIFE WELL LIVED).....Missionary Theressa Macklin-Johnson

INTRODUCTION OF EULOGIST AND PRESIDING BISHOP.....Bishop P. A. Brooks
FIRST ASSISTANT PRESIDING BISHOP
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

EULOGY BISHOP CHARLES EDWARD BLAKE, SR. CHIEF APOSTLE & PRESIDING BISHOP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

RECESSONAL.....LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

- II TIMOTHY 4:8

JUST AS SOON AS I GET THERE



“ Helen, though we’re missing you, we’ll find a way to get through. You are our sister, our strength and our pride. Only God may know why, still we will get by. ”

- THE SIBLINGS

FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE



“I'm thankful for your insight
and Godly wisdom that
continues to impact my daily
decisions and my life.”
- JERRY

“I will love you
forever, Mom.”
- TONY

“You will always be profoundly phenomenal.
Love you beyond forever.”
- THERESSA

“You're a confident, self-assured, powerful
and strong, Black woman. Love always.”
- DWIGHTY

“If I could, I'd do it all over again!
Love you Mom!”
- MISSY

“You've always been there and I'll never
forget that. I love you.”
- ALBERT

“I'll never forget your life lessons.
You're forever in my heart.”
- ANDRE



*"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast,
that no man take thy crown."* - REVELATION 3:11

PALLBEARERS

John 'Bo' Gipson
Jerwayne Macklin
Aaron Macklin
Justin Tigner
Stedman Tigner
Cory Clayton

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Bishop J.W. Macklin	Kenny Clayton
Anthony Macklin	Pastor Leon Swindell
Albert C Macklin, IV	Dennis Swindell
Andre Macklin	Dexter Givens
Stanley Macklin	Deacon Joe Moore
Elder Cornelius Davis	
New Sweet Home Church Men's Department	
Glad Tidings Church Men's Department	

FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The entire Macklin Family would like to thank our mother's primary caretakers and spouses; Melissa Macklin Billingsley, Pastor Albert Macklin, IV and Bishop J.W. Macklin for their outstanding service and in addition, all of the Macklin children for carrying out the wishes of our beloved father; "to do what was best for mom until she comes".





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